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Boca Ballet Theatre Launches 2007- 2008 Membership Campaign

Now in its 16th year, Boca Ballet Theatre is setting the stage with an impressive start to its 2007-2008 season. Enrollment increased by more than 40% this year and we are delighted to welcome so many new students to our ballet school.

In addition to the dramatic increase in enrollment, we are able to announce that previous debts have been paid off. We are tremendously grateful for the generous support of our benefactors, corporate sponsors, patrons, and volunteers. Without them, Boca Ballet Theatre would not exist.

Unlike traditional commercial dance schools, the School of Boca Ballet Theatre does not charge recital, costume or competition fees— costs that can average more than \$600 per students each year. Instead, Boca Ballet Theatre is a registered non-profit educational organization that relies on parents and community members to make tax deductible gifts of support, enabling us to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating and showcasing each student.

Our approach teaches dancers how to dance— not how to prepare for recitals— in progressive steps under the careful in-

struction of experts. We teach the discipline required to succeed as a dancer, not the rote memorization of dance routines. Through our unique mentorship program, our students are able to learn from and dance with some of the best professional dancers from around the world, including dancers from American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Royal Danish Ballet and National Ballet of Canada, to name a few. We are proud of this tradition and know how exciting and important it is for our students to be able to dance with fresh professional talent, year after year.

As a non-profit entity we depend on you for support. Did you know that forty percent of our operating income comes from fund raising events and cash contributions? This year, the forty percent equates to \$250, 000. We need your support!

If you have not done so already, please take advantage of the tax benefits associated with charitable giving and support Boca Ballet Theatre before 2007 ends. Keep the dream alive.

Boca Ballet Theatre... where the stars of tomorrow join the stars of today.

Boca Ballet Theatre Gives Back

Boca Ballet Theatre pioneered its *1st Step* program to offer an introduction to the world of dance to “at promise” children in our community. For many years, this exceptionally successful program has provided dance instruction, transportation and dance-wear in a barrier-free atmosphere for the children, earning Boca Ballet Theatre recog-

niton as a “School of Promise” by Collin Powell in the America’s Promise program.

2nd Step is BBT’s scholarship program for children who complete the *1st Step* program and wish to join BBT’s regular dance curriculum. Unfortunately, most of the children who complete the *1st Step* program are

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American Ballet Theatre's Jarred Matthews and Sarah Smith to Star in the Nutcracker



Boca Ballet Theatre proudly announces that Jarred Matthews and Sarah Smith, both dancers with American Ballet Theatre, will per-

form the lead roles in BBT's production of *The Nutcracker*.

A soloist with ABT, Mr. Matthews is one of today's upcoming talents. Matthews joined ABT as a member of the corps de ballet in April 2003 and was promoted to Soloist in August 2007. He has performed lead roles in ABT's production of *Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes*, *In the Upper Room*, *Petite Mort*, *Sechs Tänze*, *Sinfonietta*, *Symphonic Variations*, and *workwithinwork*. Originally from Houston, Mr. Matthews received full scholarship to study at North Carolina School of the Arts summer program and also received scholarships to summer programs at The Joffrey Ballet and the School of American Ballet. He attended American Ballet Theatre's Summer Intensive Program in 2000 and 2001 and was invited to join ABT's Studio Company. Currently coached by David Howard, Matthews has appeared as a guest artist with both the Noriko Hara Ballet and the Sakamura Ballet in Japan. He has also appeared with Rochester City Ballet, the Civic Ballet of Chicago and the Houston Repertoire Ballet.

A native of Boca Raton, Ms. Smith returns to BBT after captivating audiences as Sugar Plum Fairy in last year's BBT production of *The Nutcracker* and as Juliet in BBT's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Ms.

Smith began her serious dance training with BBT and became the youngest corps de ballet member in BBT's premier production of *Giselle*. Ms. Smith attended The Harid Conservatory and received a scholarship to dance at the prestigious Joffrey Ballet School. She then enrolled in the University of Indiana Dance Department and immediately became a principal artist. Ms. Smith premiered with ABT on February 6, 2004.

Other professionals joining this year's cast will be Torian Green of Pacific Northwest Ballet, Stanislov Ivanlov and Nathan Bland.

Performances of *The Nutcracker* will be held Friday, November 23 at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 24 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 25 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at FAU's University Theatre.

The "Gingerbread Ball" will follow both matinee performances of *The Nutcracker*. Children are invited to attend this special post matinee party where they can meet Clara, Sugar Plum Fairy, and other magical characters from the performance. Tickets for The Gingerbread Ball are \$6 each and are sold separately. Call the box office at 561-995-0709 or visit us online at www.bocaballet.org to order tickets.



BankUnited's Presentation of Boca Ballet Theatre's 'A Princely Affair' Proclaimed A Splendid Success



Jane Tyree, co-artistic director of BBT and Joseph A. Cardenas, market president for BankUnited's Palm

Boca Ballet Theatre's 16th annual luncheon fundraiser, *A Princely Affair*, drew a crowd of 400 people to the Great Hall of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. The elegant festivities began with a mimosa and champagne reception and silent auction featuring a beautiful array of auction items and raffle baskets.

BankUnited hosted this signature event, which raised approximately \$52,000 to support Boca Ballet Theatre, the region's highly acclaimed non-profit, youth, civic ballet company and school of dance. Honorary Chair Madelyn Savarick and her guests enjoyed champagne table seating during the luncheon and performance which featured guest artist, Christine Hodges, of Ballet Gamonet Maximum Dance. Christine enchanted luncheon guests with selections from Act 1 of *La Bayadere*.

Boca Ballet Theatre Guild President Tonya Hammond and BBT Board President John Keever toasted event Chair Kim Wiles and Co-Artistic Directors, Dan Guin and

Jane Tyree. Joseph Cardenas, Boca Ballet Theatre Board member and BankUnited's Market President for Palm Beach & Treasure Coast, thanked "Princely" patrons for their support.

A highlight of the afternoon was the drawing of the grand prize raffle ticket. Judy and Giuliano Lorenzani of Boca Raton Travel & Cruises, once again collaborated with Celebrity Cruise Lines to donate a sensational 7-day Western Caribbean vacation, which was won by XXXX of Boca Raton.

Boca Ballet Theatre's Lauren Wiles and Sanjay Saverimuttu, along with Laura Henderson, Allison Mosca, Morgan Weiss, and Aubrey Heathcott mesmerized everyone with *Arabian* from Act II of *The Nutcracker*. Caitlan Grant, Sanjay Saverimuttu and Kelsey Schaeffer were enchanting as they performed the Act 1 *Pas de Trois* from *Swan Lake*. The final performances were Variations 1 & 2 from *La Bayadere*, danced by Rachel Donev, Karolina Gancarz, Aubrey Heathcott, Leah Loeffler, Maria V. Ramudo, Lara Rosenberg, Kelsey Schaeffer and Kristin Tharp.

Tonya Hammond chaired the Silent Auction & Raffle Committee which presented a myriad of eye-catching and creatively-named raffle baskets designed by Linda Ludwig, one of the founders of BBT. BBT Faculty and Guild member, Cindy Surman, paced the event to excellence as the luncheon mistress of ceremonies.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

All performances will be at
 FAU University Theatre (Griswold)

The Nutcracker

Friday, November 23, 2007 7:00 p.m.

The Nutcracker

Saturday, November 24, 2007
 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

The Nutcracker

Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Spring Dances

Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Swan Lake

Friday, August 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Swan Lake

Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Swan Lake

Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Boca Ballet Theatre Gives Back

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unable to take advantage of the scholarship program because they lack transportation to and from classes. Boca Ballet Theatre would like to provide transportation but needs an individual or corporation to underwrite the cost of a van, driver and insurance. If you are interested, please contact Dan Guin at 561-995-0709.

This year, BBT has initiated a pilot program, referred to as *All Step*, with Calusa Elementary School. Under this program, Calusa

students are eligible to enroll in an introductory ballet class for the entire school year free of charge. Up to fifteen students can enroll on a first come, first serve basis. BBT would like to extend this program to include a total of five schools by next fall. Support for this program, including transportation is needed.

If you would like more information about BBT's outreach programs, please contact Dan Guin.